



# The WisDOT Connector *Express*

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WisDOT recently submitted over \$300 million in 2008 federal fiscal year appropriations requests to Wisconsin's U.S. House delegation. The entire U.S. House of Representatives is expected to finalize 2008 appropriations requests in May or June with the U.S. Senate to follow. The requests provide guidance to the state's Congressional delegation for budgetary earmarks to help complete a variety of transportation-related projects and initiatives. Last year, WisDOT requested over \$280 million in funding for transportation projects; however, no requests were funded in the 2007 appropriations process. WisDOT requested over \$300 million for projects and received a total of \$53.4 million in 2006.

Project	2008 federal appropriations request
I-94 North-South Corridor	\$20 million
I-94 Zoo Interchange	\$5 million
WIS 11 (Burlington Bypass)	\$10 million
US 51 (WIS 19 - County V)	\$10 million
St. Croix River Crossing (WIS 64-MN State Highway 36)	\$10 million
WIS 44 (Oshkosh)	\$2.5 million
US 10 (Marshfield - Stevens Point)	\$20 million
US 51/ WIS 29 (Wausau Corridor)	\$16 million
WIS 153 (Mosinee Bridge and approaches)	\$6.6 million
US 51 (County N – Hazelhurst)	\$3.7 million
WIS 13 (Abbotsford)	\$2 million
WIS 57 (Dyckesville – Sturgeon Bay)	\$10 million
College Avenue Bridge (Appleton)	\$6 million
US 41 (Holland Road Overpass)	\$250,000
US 41 (Oconto - Peshtigo)	\$5 million
US 45 (Wittenberg - north Shawano County line)	\$4.6 million
Integrated Emergency Traffic Management and Communication System	\$5 million
511 System enhancements	\$3 million
Statewide Traffic Management and Transportal Software Enhancements	\$2 million
Cellular Probe Traffic Detection Enhancements	\$1 million
Countermeasures for highways	\$1 million
Dane County Regional Airport	\$12.49 million
Rhineland-Oneida County Airport	\$2.38 million
Chippewa Valley Regional Airport	\$3.26 million
Wittman Regional Airport	\$4.07 million
Sheboygan County Memorial Airport	\$3.61 million
Taylor County Airport	\$5.6 million
New Richmond Regional Airport	\$4.28 million
L.O. Simenstad Municipal Airport	\$3.73 million
Sawyer County Airport	\$3.46 million

Shell Lake Municipal Airport	\$2.07 million
Rice Lake Regional Airport	\$1.65 million
Southern Wisconsin Regional Airport	\$2.34 million
Merrill Municipal Airport	\$3.18 million
Amery Municipal Airport	\$1.43 million
Lakeland Airport	\$860,000
Wisconsin Statewide Buses and Bus Facilities	\$75.3 million
Wisconsin REAL ID Implementation	\$5.81 million
Wisconsin Commercial Driver License Information System (CDLIS) Modernization	\$400,000
Track improvements to support additional frequencies on the Milwaukee and Chicago Hiawatha Service	\$5 million
Freight Rail Bypass (Milwaukee)	\$18 million
Wisconsin State Patrol Integrated Mobile Data and In-Car Digital Video Project	\$3 million
Wisconsin Height Modernization	\$2.5 million
Total	\$308 million

### **LRSC report hits the streets**

The 2004 – 2006 Local Roads and Streets Council (LRSC) Biennial Report highlights the Council's activities from July 2004 through June 2006. Council accomplishments include: a General Transportation Aids (GTA) incentive program; implementing a single point of contact with the Department of Natural Resources for local road projects; addressing over-size trucking impacts on the local road system; and continuing to educate the public and Legislature about the use of GTA funds. Created in 1995, the LRSC represents an ongoing partnership between WisDOT and local governments to analyze issues and implement policies that improve the quality of the state's local roads and streets. The LRSC meets quarterly and includes regional and metropolitan planning organization staff, municipal officials and WisDOT staff. The recently-released LRSC Biennial Report is available on the WisDOT Web site at: <http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/localgov/lrsc/reports.htm>.

### **Closing the book on WisDOT Library move**

Visitors to the Hill Farms Transportation Building in Madison will notice the WisDOT Library in a new, more accessible location. Previously located on the 8<sup>th</sup> floor of Hill Farms, the library can now be found on the ground level, just off the main lobby entrance of the building. The library offers computer/Internet services and access to one of the most comprehensive collections of cutting-edge transportation research materials in the nation. A library open house is currently planned for Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.

### **COMING UP**

April 24, 2007      Tribal Transportation Conference, Radisson Hotel and Convention Center, Green Bay

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